

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:

a program control that controls washing operations in a washing container in which items to be washed are disposed; and

an optical display device having means for producing a light beam whose beam path can be directed onto a display surface; and

at least one color filter disk arranged in the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means, wherein the color of the light beam directed onto ~~a~~ the display surface is influenced by the at least one color filter disk.

12. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the at least one color filter disk is arranged between the light means and the display surface relative to the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means with the at least one color filter disk being a selected one of an exchangable at least one color filter disk that can be exchanged out of its location in the beam path of the light beam such that a selected one of another color filter disk and no color filter disk can be provided in lieu of the exchanged-out at least one color filter disk

and a nonexchangable at least one color filter disk adapted to remain in its location in the beam path of the light beam without exchange thereof for a selected one of another color filter disk and no color filter disk.

13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the at least one color filter disk is arranged behind the display surface relative to the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means with the at least one color filter disk being a selected one of an exchangable at least one color filter disk that can be exchanged out of its location in the beam path of the light beam such that a selected one of another color filter disk and no color filter disk can be provided in lieu of the exchanged-out at least one color filter disk and a non-exchangable at least one color filter disk adapted to remain in its location in the beam path of the light beam without exchange thereof for a selected one of another color filter disk and no color filter disk.

14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11 and further comprising a display surface, the display surface at least partially comprising a transparent surface that is a selected one of a matt-finished surface and a non-matt-finished surface.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 14, wherein the display surface is a liquid crystal display that is divided into a number of segments having transparency and color properties at least one of which is individually variable via the application of an externally applied electric voltage to the liquid crystal display.

16. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 15, wherein the individual segments of the liquid crystal display are controlled individually by the program control of the

dishwasher in a selected one of an electronic manner and a non-electronic manner.

17. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein a mask is arranged in a selected one of an ~~exchangeable~~ exchangeable manner and a ~~non-exchangeable~~ non-exchangeable manner in the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means, with a silhouette of the mask being projected by the light beam onto the display surface.

18. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 11 and further comprising a light shaft ~~is~~ arranged in the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means, the light shaft having a reflecting surface on a side thereof facing the light beam.

19. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 18, wherein the light ~~means~~ shaft is configured to focus the light beam produced by the light means and at least partly reflects it in the direction of the display surface.

20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 18, wherein the light means is a light-emitting diode that produces a selected one of white light and non-white light.

21. (New) A dishwasher comprising:

a program control that controls washing operations in a washing container in which items to be washed are disposed; and

an optical display device structured to produce a light beam whose beam path can be directed onto a display surface; and

at least one color filter disk arranged behind the display surface relative to the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means.

22. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 22, further comprising at least one second color filter disk arranged in the beam path of the light beam produced by the light means, wherein the color of the light beam directed onto the display surface is influenced by the at least one second color filter disk.

23. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 22, further comprising a semi-spherical light shaft arranged in the beam path of the light beam, the light shaft having a reflecting surface on a side thereof facing the light beam.